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REF: OIA-12791

Dear ██████,

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 23 May 2023 to the Ministry of Transport requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I am looking for accident statistics or reports for Northland for 2022 and 2023? Is there a registry of accidents where emergency services have attended?

I live north of Waipapa on a dangerous stretch of road. I filled out an online form about reducing the speed north of Waipapa as I have had several near misses at my driveway and seen multiple near misses at the end of Pungaere Road (about 250 meters south of my driveway).

There was a crash at the end of Pungaere Rd a couple of weeks back and there was a serious crash at the end of Waipapa West Road (about 1.4km north of my driveway) around lunchtime today.

Where would I go to look at the crash reports of these or other accidents in the last 12-24 months?

On 30 May 2023, your request was transferred to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency as the information you are requesting more closely aligns with our functions.

Waka Kotahi does not keep a registry of crashes where emergency services have attended, but our Crash Analysis System (CAS) does contain information on fatal and serious crashes as well as crashes of other severities. It does not record near misses.

Crash statistics for Northland for 2022 and 2023 are as follows:

Table 1: Crashes in Northland					
Year	Fatal crashes	Serious injury crashes	Minor injury crashes	Non-injury crashes	Total crashes
2022*	32	136	441	694	1,303
2023*	14	59	154	1	228
Total	46	195	595	695	1,531

Table 2 shows 2022-2023 crashes on State Highway 10 between Waipapa West Road and Pungaere Road:

Table 2: Crashes on SH 10 between Waipapa West Road and Pungaere Road					
Year	Fatal crashes	Serious injury crashes	Minor injury crashes	Non-injury crashes	Total crashes
2022*		1	1		2
2023*		1	2		3
Total	0	2	3	0	5

* 2022 and 2023 data in CAS is not yet complete but this is current from CAS as at 31/05/2023

It is important to note the following in relation to the information provided:

- This data is provided from the road traffic crash database; Crash Analysis System (CAS) version 2.4.0
- Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency maintains CAS which is updated once a Traffic Crash Report (TCR) is received from NZ Police sometime after the crash.
- Data is for all crashes for the years 2022 to 2023 as recorded in CAS to date - 31/05/2023.
- Data is limited to crashes in Northland Region.
- A crash, to be recorded in CAS must have occurred on a road. The CAS definition of a road is any street, motorway or beach, or a place to which the public have access with a motor vehicle, whether as of right or not e.g. a public car park.
- Due to the police reporting time frame and subsequent data processing, there is a lag from the time of a crash to full and correct crash records within CAS.
- Fatal, Serious Injury and Minor injury crash report data is usually recorded in CAS within one working day of Waka Kotahi receiving it from NZ Police. Data relating to non-injury crashes may take up to 7 months before it appears in CAS.
- Due to the nature of non-fatal crashes, it is believed that these are under-reported, with the level of under-reporting decreasing with the increasing severity of the crash.
- 2022 and 2023 data is incomplete in CAS but the figures provided are what is currently in CAS as at 31/05/2023.

Although there can sometimes be a long delay between the time a crash happens and when it is available in CAS, the two crashes you mention in your request are in CAS and are included in the above tables.

Waka Kotahi does not release Traffic Crash Reports (TCRs), but you can request TCRs from the Police here:

<https://www.police.govt.nz/advice-services/accessing-information/request-traffic-crash-report-tcr>.

In line with Waka Kotahi policy, this response will soon be published on our website, with personal information removed.

If you would like to discuss this reply with Waka Kotahi, please contact Kerry Greig, Manager, Data Services, by email to kerry.greig@nzta.govt.nz

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Galina Mitchelhill', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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